

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the Claims and these Remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner set forth a restriction requirement and required election of one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Group I: Claims 1-11, drawn to a combination of air brake/anchor having a plurality of mooring arms, a parachute attached to the mooring arms and a flotation buoy;
- Group II: Claims 12-15 and is directed to a subcombination comprising (i) and anchor having a plurality of folding linked arm segments (claim 12); or the subcombination comprises an anchor having a plurality of mooring arms, the plurality of mooring arms having a plurality of folding linked arm segments and a parachute attached to the ends of the mooring arms (claim 14);
- Group III: Claims 16-18 and is directed to a subcombination comprising a mooring line spool;
- Group IV: Claims 19-22 and is directed to a subcombination comprising a flotation buoy having a ratio of length to width or greater than 2:1; and
- Group V: Claims 16-18 and is directed to a subcombination to a release mechanism for releasing an anchor.

In response, Applicant has elected Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a combination of air brake/anchor having a plurality of mooring arms, a parachute attached to the mooring arms and a flotation buoy, without prejudice as to Applicant's ability to pursue these claims in a divisional application. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests removal of the restriction requirement and allowance of claims 12-25. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

No fees are believed due with the filing of this Amendment; however, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this

paper or during the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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